US$ 410416 was rejected. On investigation, it was found that the concerned Export Inspection Agency followed the Agmark sampling scheme as it was not aware of US FDA sampling Immediately purpose *vis-a-vis* mixed extraction vised to adopt US FDA sampling scheme for pre-shipment inspection of black pepper for export to USA.

The Spices Board is taking various steps to step up the quality of spices and improve packaging and marketing

Export of high valued white natural grade Sesamum

860. SHRI VIREN J SHAH
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) what is Government's planning to promote exports of high valued white natural grade sesamum used for food and confectionery and hulled grade for bakely purpose *vis-a-vis* mixed extraction grade;

(b) whether it is fact that a few overseas buyers have imposed restrictions on import of sesamum from India on quality consideration, and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to evolve a mechanism for ensuring quality in exports?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL) (a) Export of sesamum seed, without distinction of different grades, is allowed under OGL subject to registration with Indian Oil and Produce Exporters Association (IOPEA)

(b) Government have not received reports of overseas buyer countries having imposed restrictions on import of sesamum from India on quality considerations IOPEA have also reported that they have not received any complaint of such restrictions by overseas buyers

(c) Does not arise

Disowning the FIR filed in Bofors Investigation Case

861 SHRI E. BALANANDAN. Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state

(a) whether instructions were issued to the Additional Solicitor General to disown the FIR filed by the CBI in the Bofors Investigation Case before the Delhi High Court;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the reply to (a) above be in negative, the reasons for opposing the CBI's FIR?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) The Government did not oppose CBI's FIR

Loss incurred by co-operative credit societies due to implementation of loan waiver scheme

862. SHRI M M. JACOB: Will he Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Loan Waiver Scheme has hit the co-operative credit societies to the tune of several thousand crores of rupees,

(b) if so, what is the amount compensated to the co-operative societies by Government, and

(c) whether the scheme is still in vogue?

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